

# The Crimson Crier

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## Annual Kiwanis Karnival Held Tonight In Girls' Gym

Brightly-colored booths equipped with games and homemade cakes and candy will fill the girls' gym tonight at 6:30 for the annual Kiwanis Karnival, sponsored by the Rock Island Kiwanis Club. This year's chairmen are Mr. Ellis Schaefer and Mr. Charles Dyson.

Eleven girls have been selected by their various clubs to compete for the Karnival Queen. Candidates and their clubs are: Sereatha Bragg-Jr. Chefs, Karen Cullison-Future Health Careers, Linda Dalkoff - Pep Club, Lynne Duncheon-Y-Teens, Mary Green-CWT, Karen Headly-Anthonettes, Cindy Kay-Dolphinettes, Bridget Kennedy-Drama Club, Lisa Miers GAA, Susan Schultz-Pan Am League, and Marti Zukerman-Key Club. The Coronation will take place at 9:30 followed by a dance for everyone until 11:00.

The girl who sells the most tickets will win a stereo.

Proceeds from the Karnival will go to various youth activities, such as bringing a foreign exchange student to Rocky for a year, and raising funds to send handicapped children to camp for the summer.

## Teachers, Like Pupils, To-Be Tagged In '71-'72

One thing all students of Rock Island High School have in common, or should have in common, is their ID cards. (Shame on you habitual ID losers!) And next year even the teachers will be the owners of these symbols of Rocky.

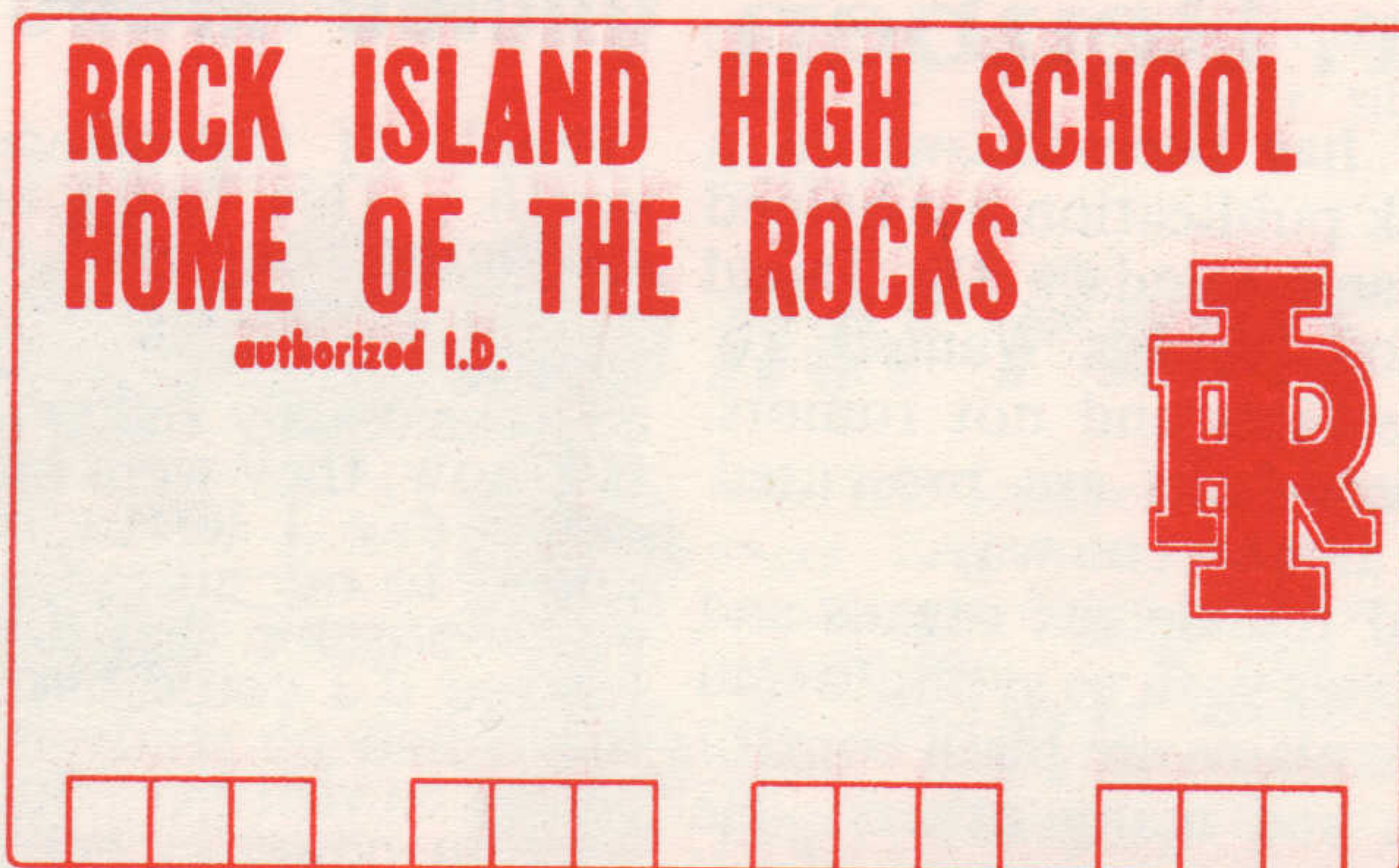
Next year's ID, shown at the left, will be yellow with red printing,

and will be plastic to prevent the damage washing machines, puppies, and sudden rainstorms so often caused to the old cardboard ones.

The purposes of the student cards will remain the same: activity tickets, identification, and getting you five detentions if you're caught without it.

Teachers will be able to use their cards for things that require positive identification such as cashing checks and walking through the halls. Information not found on the student ID cards will be printed on the teacher's cards. Superintendent Charles O. Austin, Jr., says the teacher's ID's will also serve another purpose, that of promoting "staff pride."

Elementary teachers will be able to have cards printed out of the 10,000 in storage if they wish.



## New Staff Is Chosen To Produce 1972 Watchtower

Carol Clark and Kathy Klatt have been named as Co-Editors of the 1971-1972 Watchtower staff by Mrs. Eleanor Conrad,

Debbie Buntaine, and Lori Skafidas.

Other members are Copy Ed. Lori Leatherman; Sr. Section Ed. Susie Gorsuch and staff Ann Oetting and Suzy Schwartz; Jr. Section Ed. Ann Peterson and staff Ellie Rink and Cheryl France; Sophomore Section Ed. Susie Smiley and staff Lucy Walgren and Beth Quale; Organizations Co-Ed. Kay Murrins and Linda Ziffrin and staff Terry Boldt and Kim McGinnis.

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During Easter vacation Co-Editors Kathy Klatt and Carol Clark

along with Susie Gorsuch, Miss Sandra Stoit and Mrs. Conrad were guests of The American Yearbook Company.

With the new 9x12 book, and more living color, next years' yearbook staff faces many great challenges.



"71-72" WATCHTOWER Editors are Carol Clark and Kathy Klatt'

## 1971 Honor Society To Be Inducted

Candles will light the Rock Island high school auditorium Tuesday, May 4 at 7:30 P.M. as 99 seniors are inducted into the National Honor Society.

The evening candlelight service is Rocky's first such induction. The ceremony formerly took place in an assembly.

The officers of the society--Bruce Hamming, president; Kathy Sivill, vice-president; John Osborn, secretary; and Patty Sutton, treasurer--will talk on the tenets of the National Honor Society. Each will light one of four candles representing character, scholarship, leadership and service.

## Red Letter Days

May

- May 1- Clinton Gateway (Track)
- 6- Senior Class Play
- 10,11,12- District Baseball
- 11- National Honor Banquet
- 13- Spring Band Concert
- 14- District Golf
- 14- District Track



# Controversy Deals With Students' Special Events

Seniors in every graduating class always remember traditional events such as football and basketball games, cheering sections, assemblies, grub day—and, senior skip day. Most of these have already passed except one, which should concern all seniors at the end of every school year, especially in various high schools around the Quad-Cities.

Of course, every senior knows which event is taking place on that day, but we won't tell anyone. There are many different opinions about it; some say skipping a day of school costs the taxpayers money, but if other schools do it, then why can't we? Students argue that the last few weeks are not important anyway, and some teachers are even inclined to agree. A few critical students say, "What's one day, it doesn't make any difference?" But most feel that after four years of hard work the seniors deserve a special day of rest, especially since they have worked so hard!

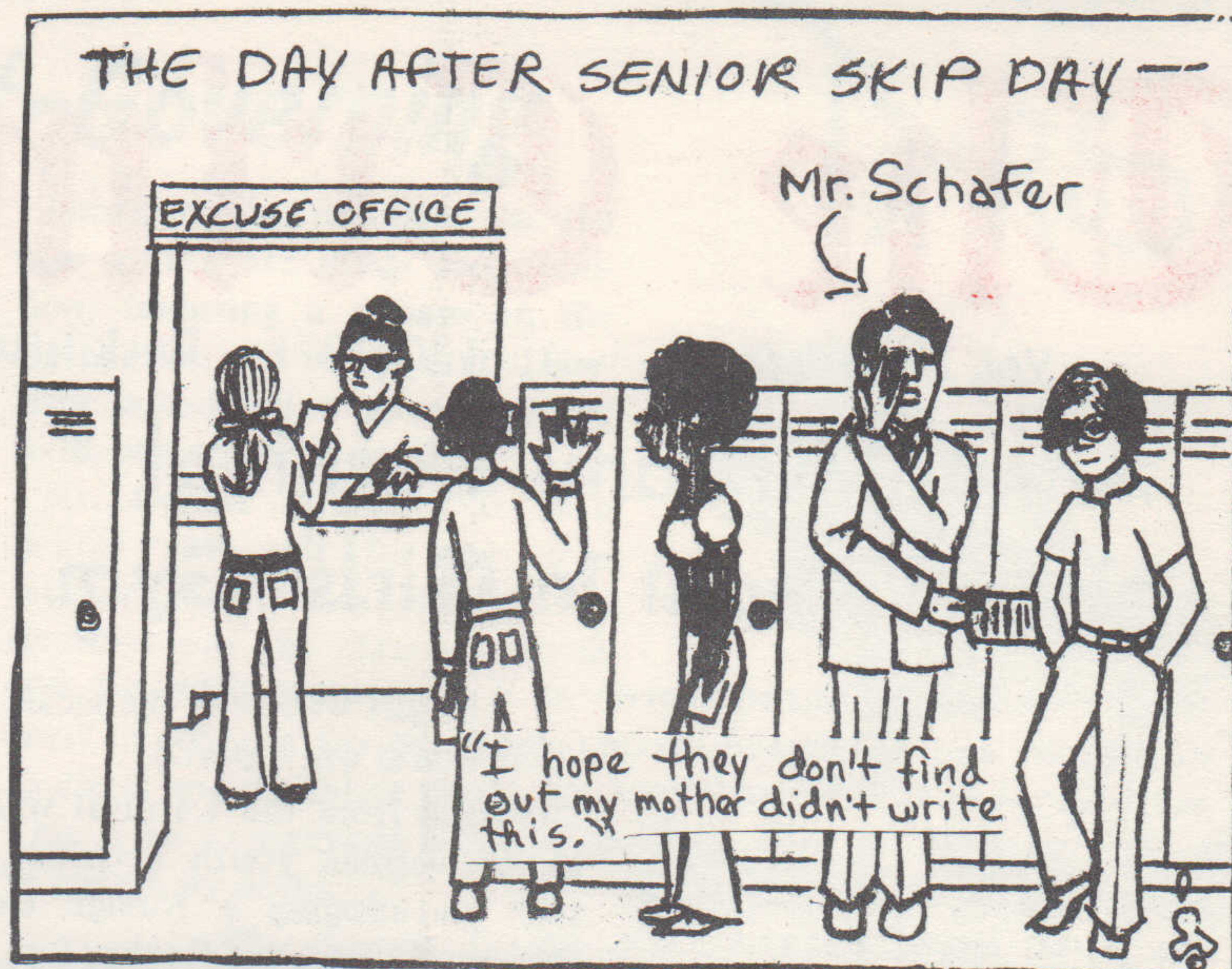
## Book Review

### Questions About "..." Answered By Dr. Reuben

For the past few centuries "sex" has been known as a dirty word, but finally a recent book publication has helped to eliminate that thought from many minds. Dr. David Reuben in his book *Everything You Always Wanted To Know About "Sex"*, presents mere facts and not rumors. And unlike many other books, these facts are presented clearly, without them being taken in an obscene way.

Dr. Reuben discusses the male and female sex organs and their functions. He talks about diseases such as syphilis and gonorrhea. Some other subjects he explains are birth control, abortions, aphrodisiacs, prostitution and many others. He also gives some people's personal experiences to try and tell others not to make the same mistake they did.

For the past year Dr. Reuben's book has been a number one best seller and continues to be a best seller on the market. It is not a dirty book, nor is it one that tends to give teenagers ideas, but it is merely one that helps them gain a greater knowledge of human life that will be with them for the rest of their years. In his controversial book, Dr. Reuben clears up many of the myths about sex which have been pushed upon today's society.



### To Help Students Or Hinder Them: Choice Made By Counselors Alone

People of the older generation talk about apathy in the youth. This could also apply to many older people. I distinctly remember two instances when I interrupted one of the counselors talking to another counselor. I stood waiting for a half an hour, my entire lunch period, and was addressed only once, and that was to be told they could not talk now, they were busy.

One day I left a message for my counselor which was urgent to my entrance to college. I receive no slip to go see my counselor that day, so the next day I went to visit her. I asked if I could have a pass to talk to her. I informed her that I had no study hall, that I had been giving up my lunch period to visit her. She then informed me that I would either have to come in before or after school to talk to her, but only on certain days. I then informed her that I have a job after school and usually did not arrive at school until close to five minutes until nine. The outcome was that I have not seen or spoken to my counselor since.

### May Day's Customs May Daze

May Day means different things to different people. In the United States and many European countries the first of May is marked by various celebrations of spring. In Russia and Germany, May Day is Labor Day. The term May Day is used as a distress signal in radio communication.

The May Day festivities are direct descendents of the ancient Roman Floralia, and of the Druidic feasts in honor of their god Bel, the Apollo or Orus of other mythologies, the Baal of the Scriptures. Probably the "grass roots" of the May celebrations took place in India and Egypt.

The phallic festivals took place when the sun entered Taurus and welcomed the renewed fertility of nature. The Maypole itself is a phallic symbol. The Maypole originated in medieval England.

The pole is usually made of birch and decorated with flowers and streamers, the loose end of which are held by dancers who encircle the pole, weaving intricate patterns as they pass each other.

The Druids lit immense fires and sacrificed a human offering to their god, Bel. The Phoenicians used to sacrifice children for a productive year by placing a small child in the arms of an unbalanced statue of their god, that was overlooking a huge bonfire, thus sending the child into a fiery death. The people of Sweden believe that on May Day the witches send their trolls out to suck cattle. They wash their faces with dew to insure a fresh complexion.

Students have their own reasons for celebrating . . . it's the last month of school!

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# SUMMER FUN IS ARRIVING

With the school year approaching the end, for many it means a time of thinking and preparing for a vacation somewhere in the United States or even an exciting trip abroad.

Today, more and more people are traveling the country as campers with their new and different assortment of trailers, campers, and tents which are available almost anywhere.

Still there are those people who

like to spend their time at magnificent resorts or in extravagant motels along the way. No matter who you are, it still seems everyone enjoys to stop and view the colorful landscapes or take the historical tours that are found all over the country.

People who can't get away from their jobs or those who don't care to travel, will also find many summer activities to do just around Rock Island.

Swimming, tennis, and golf are

just a few of the many sports that are being provided and enjoyed by most people. Baseball is another sport which is both fun and exciting to watch, as well as to play. This year a girl's softball team will be sponsored by the Junior Baseball League.

The Genisius Guild, held at Lincoln Park, could be viewed by those of you who enjoy watching classical plays. It is sponsored by the Rock Island Park and Recreation Department and will be directed by Don Wooten. Some of the plays that will be put on this year are: Taming of the Shrew, Hecuba, and King Lear.

Starlight Review is another activity which could be enjoyed by you music lovers at Lincoln Park.

Don't forget the Indian Pow Wow at Black Hawk State Park and also the fireworks display at the Rock Island High School Stadium to add to your summer activities.



SENIOR CATHE CREGER emerges from winter dreariness into one of spring's newest styles, hot pants.

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## Hot Pants Here For Spring

As hot weather is hitting the Quad City area, heavy winter clothes are being shed for much lighter ones. The new fashion rage this Spring season is hot pants. It is a version of the old shorts. Designers seem to be getting back to the much shorter look in clothing such as the mini skirt. Many famous celebrities as well as the ordinary people, seem to be catching on to this latest fad in fashion. It just goes to show that most women still prefer to wear shorter clothes rather than the long midi. Men seem to prefer the hot pants also.

Since the dress code at Rocky is much more liberal, girls have been seen wearing the new hot pants. Hot pants seem to have invaded the halls, but only to a small extent. They are worn usually by the more liberal in dress, or on those who have been known to set trends in fashion.

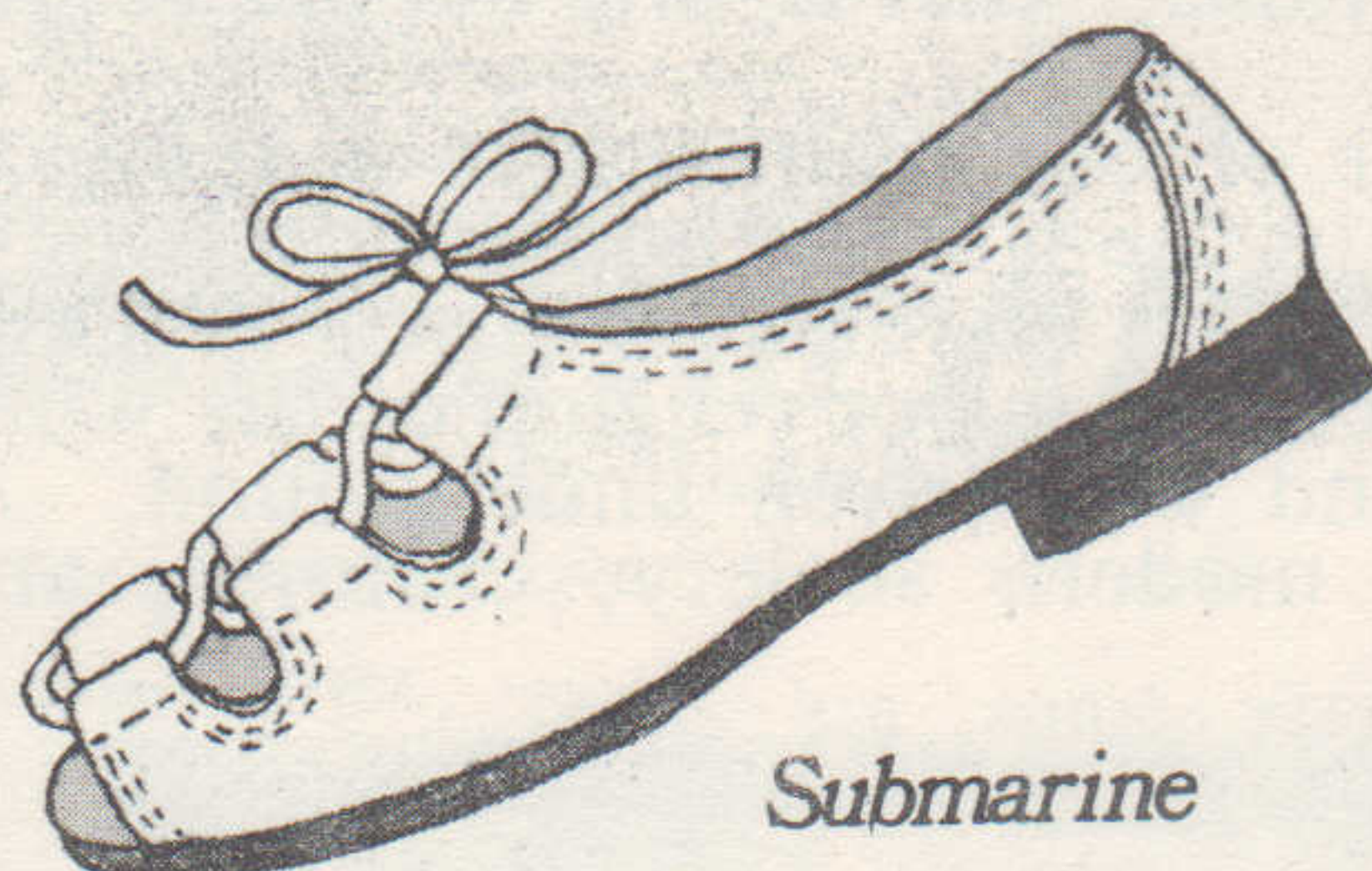
Our model, Cathy Creger, a senior

at Rocky, is seen modeling a hot pants outfit. Her outfit is a two piece ensemble. It is a patchwork print. The top is a long sleeved one that ties at the bottom. It could be classified as a cut-off shirt. Her hot pants are of matching print and material. This hot pants outfit was made by Four Corners. It is only one of the many hot pants ensembles available at The Fashion of downtown Rock Island.

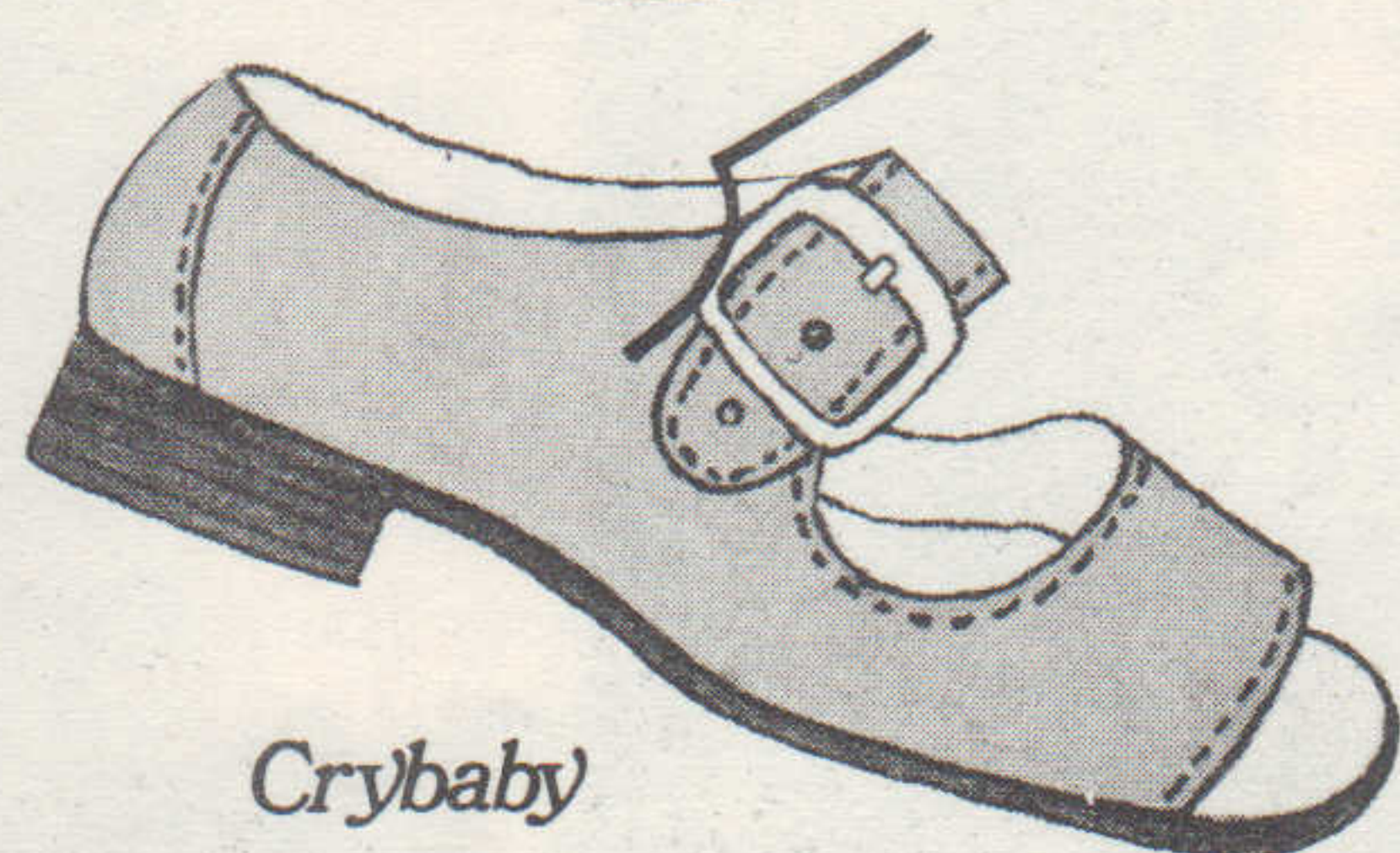
Along with the hot pants, there are many other looks now being seen on girls at Rocky. Some girls prefer to wear long peasant dresses. They may be hotter, but they appeal to more people than the new hot pants.

As the closing of school for the summer comes closer, more and more shorts and hot pants will be seen at Rocky. Not only do hot pants keep a girl nice and cool through the school day, but they also help her gain the attention and second looks of guys who appreciate a good thing.

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# The Occult ; Witch

## Witch Reveals Secrets

by Peter Soderberg

Ariel is a modern-day white witch. Ariel is also a pseudonym because she doesn't want herself revealed. Not that she isn't proud of her religion, witchcraft, (I was informed that all witches, male or female, are referred to in writing as "she", so you'll have to figure it out for yourself.) but she fears persecution, and with good reason. For it was only two hundred years ago that witches were being burnt, axed, drowned, and tortured throughout Europe. Even today, many countries and states still have witchcraft laws. Despite this, Ariel seemed rather unconcerned about the witch-trials of the Renaissance.

"Witches aren't out for vengeance," she said. "As a matter of fact, most of us just want to be left alone to practice our faith in peace."

I soon discovered that witchcraft and Satanism are not connected, for when asked a question of this nature, Ariel groaned. Witches, it seems, don't take kindly to persons who associate these two occult practices. What then is witchcraft, if not devil-worship?

"Witchcraft is a religion stemming from the culture of Northern Europe's Stone Age, which was later influenced by the Greek and Roman Mysteries, which were originally from Egypt," says Ariel.

Traditionally, witches worship the Horned God and the Mother-Goddess, most ancient of all deities, representing the male and female principles of the universe. Most modern witches, however, believe these to be nothing but pretty images.

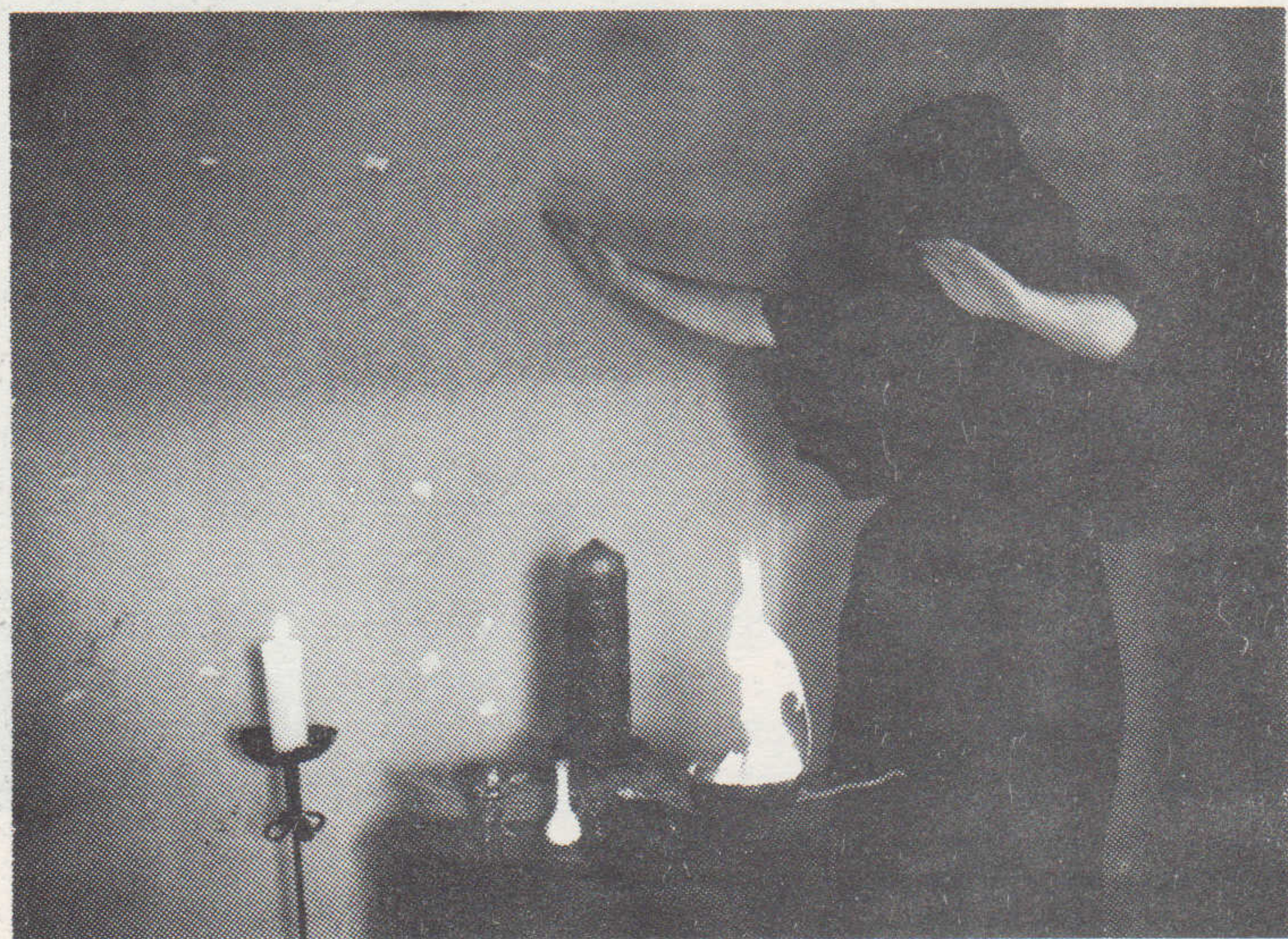
They believe that God is a force flowing throughout nature and the universe. It is all much like Emerson's over-soul idea, and is a kind of mystical, pantheistic deism. They also say that Magic, a rather vaguely defined power, is a part of God which can be used to accomplish one's wants and needs by means of concentration and ritual, which send off "vibrations," that is, sets the magic flowing, to accomplish an action.

"Another of our main tenets is reincarnation," Ariel told me. "3/4 of the world's population believe in it."

"Witchcraft is a very confused and misunderstood faith. It was once the major religion of the world, but became persecuted and was driven underground. And now, its influences on modern society, customs, and religions go unnoticed."



WITCHES' PARAPHERNALIA INCLUDES swords, knives (called althames), wands, staffs, cups, salt, cord, candles, incense and burners, and a horned crown.



A QUAD-CITIES WITCH practices strange and ancient rites in the seclusion of her home, addressing prayers and incantations to the Supreme Life-Force in Nature.

## A Study Of Witchcraft History Reveals Legitimate Pagan Faith

by Peter Soderberg

The word "witchcraft", when mentioned today, usually evokes in our minds the Halloween stereotype, Samantha and her nose, or a group of Satanists kissing images of the devil's behind. But a study of this occult practice finds it to be a legitimate religion—probably the first.

The first known representation of a deity is in the Caverns des Trois Freres in Ariège, France. The picture is a drawing of a man-god wearing a stag-skin and horns who is engaged in a magical fertility dance. This is the Horned God, one of the two witch deities, and has been traced to the late Palaeolithic period, 30,000 B.C.

In the early days of the world, survival was an art. Since life was so short and so precious, it is only natural that fertility should be the basis of these peoples' religion. Procreation in both man and nature was the idea, and, hence the deities became a man and a woman.

The god had two phallic horns on his head, usually those of a goat, bull, ram, or stag. The goddess was the Earth-mother, the giver of all life, the creator of all things. Her worship was universal.

As religion advanced, the basic god and goddess idea was multi-

plied, and the deities became more numerous and took on more aspects. The Horned God turned into the Lord of the Sun and the Earth-Mother into the Moon Goddess. These nature gods were very durable. The old fertility religion survived among Europe's peasants long after Christianity became the dominant religion of the upper classes.

Many church officials and historical figures remained loyal to the ancient gods. Joan of Arc, Thomas Becket, and William Rufus were probably witches, followers of the old religion that flourished in their homelands at the time.

In Medieval Europe, devotees of the old religion were pagans who paid homage to nature gods in the countryside and came to be known as healers and diviners. By the 1400's, however, the Christian Church became strong enough to deal with this religious rival and so launched a 300 year attack which murdered more than nine million people, and seems to have killed off much of the cult, or at least driven it far underground. There are modern persons who follow the same basic beliefs and call themselves witches, but whether they are actual remnants of an ancient and universal religion is now impossible to say.





# hcraft, Astrology

## Ghost Treads Through Local Castle

**Ghost:** A disembodied soul; the soul or spirit of a deceased person conceived either as a denizen of the unseen world or as appearing to the living in bodily likeness; hence: an apparition; spectre; spook—Webster's New International.

"There are no such things as ghosts." Want to make a bet? At least twenty people will be willing to swear that the ghost of John Strong, former editor of the Chicago Daily News, is rattling his chains in Stronghold Castle, just north of Oregon, Illinois, about twenty miles south of Rockford.

If that were all there was happening, it could be explained away as imagination. But it's not. Here are some of the other phenomena: Faces in the fire (eyes staring straight at you, mouth's moving, but no sound), footsteps, doors slamming (when there's no one there), ghostly knocks, windows opening and closing by themselves, light's flickering, cold drafts; in short, everything you'd expect of the typical ghost.

If all this is happening, there must be a reason. And the reason, according to one Rocky student who has been to the castle, is "John Strong was murdered. And nobody's ever found his grave." For some unknown reason, Strong's body was buried secretly, the cause of death never revealed.

What does a normal, scared, high school student do when confronted with the late Mr. Strong or some other apparition? According to Anthony Greenbank, author of *The Book of Survival*:

Fight it. Get a grip on yourself. Rationalize things-that-go-bump/things-that-go-flash/things-that-touch-you. They usually have ordinary explanations. Final consolation: A REAL ghost (a) Will disappear if you approach it; (b) Can do you no physical harm because it leaves nothing earthly—not even messages or footprints; (c) Will not cast a shadow; will look quite substantial rather than misty; will not ignore you; will not carry its head tucked under its arm; (d) Is all in YOUR mind anyway.

Want to make a bet?

## Superstitions Still Around

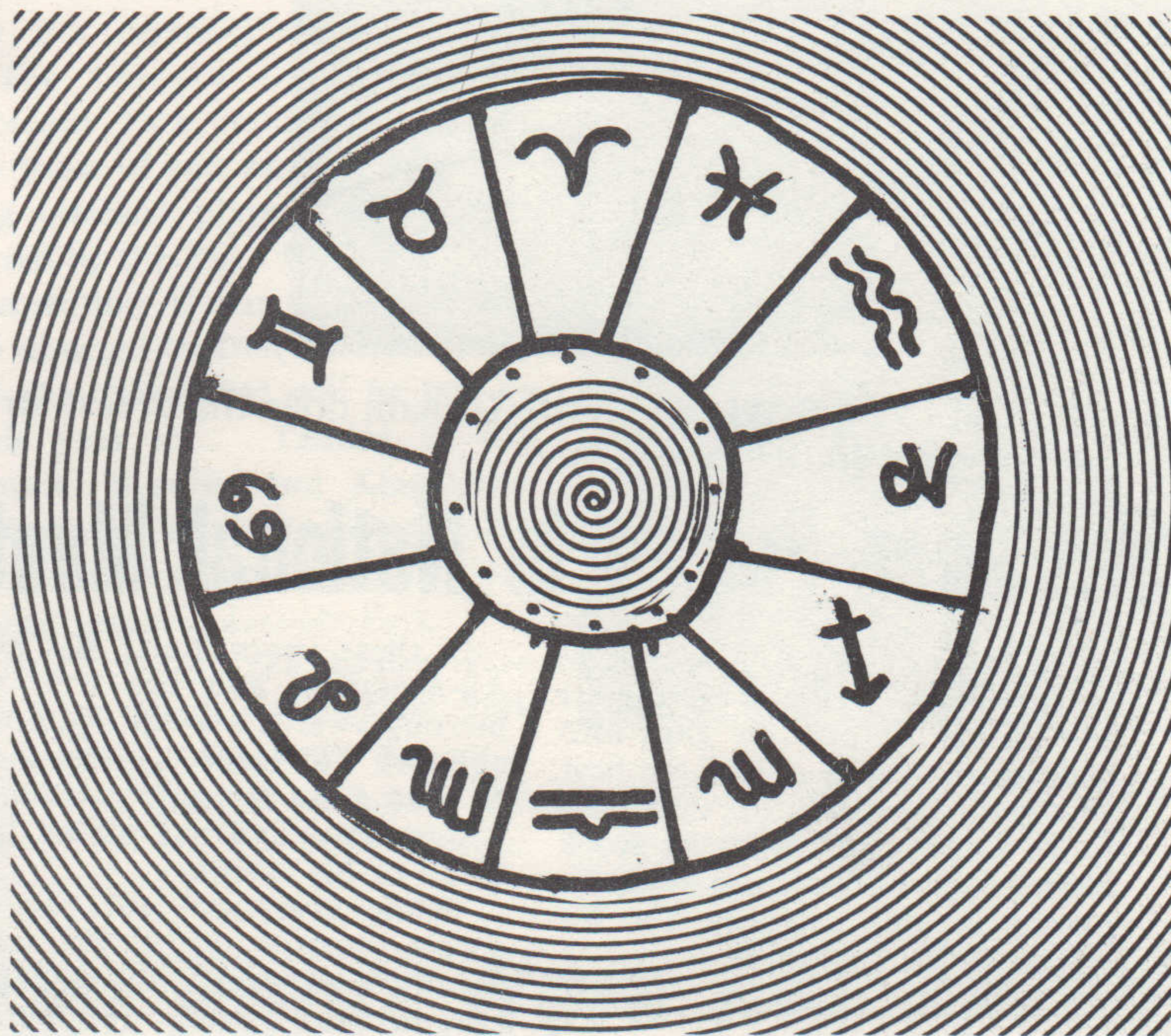
by Michelle Whaley

Superstitious?—Most people say they're not; but how many times have you seen your best friend cross her fingers to hope for good luck or faithfully read her horoscope everyday? In Reader's Digest, a professor said, "people need rituals," and "superstitions are a form of reassurance."

All over the world people have superstitions. In the United States, many still say "bread and butter" when something passes between them, and many carry good luck charms, such as a rabbit's foot or a charm of some kind which they believe in. There are many other common superstitions—walking in front of a black cat or under a ladder are both considered bad luck. If you break a mirror there are seven years bad luck, or if you spill salt, you are supposed to throw it

over your shoulder. However, there are some stranger ones which were carried down through the centuries and some people still believe in them. If a dove flutters three times in front of the window, it is said, there will be a death in the family, or if you start to make a dress on Sunday you will ruin it. An interesting one for girls who want their hair to grow is to cut a piece of hair and bury it under a full moon.

Originally, superstitions were meaningful, religious ceremonies to these of ancient beliefs, including Christianity, but through thousands of years of common use they have lost their original meaning, and seem to be silly to us. Yet, people throughout the world still believe and practice superstitions.



## Astrologist Charts The Stars

Leo's are enthusiastic, Virgo's are practical, Libra's are intellectual, Scorpio's are emotional. Everyone knows that, because their horoscope told them so. But how is a "picture of the heavens" written?

To find out, this reporter interviewed Susie Wells, a practicing astrologist in Davenport, Iowa.

To develop an astrological chart, the astrologist first needs to know the exact date, time, and location of the person she is charting, in order to calculate the position of the stars at their time of birth. The many computations used include time change corrections, and the most exact time of all, sidereal or "Sun" time.

After finding the stars exact positions at time of birth, Miss Wells charts the position of these planets, Sun and Moon.

Astrology, according to Miss Wells, is the Prediction of tendencies. Planets (Mars, Venus, etc.) represent psychological images. Signs like Pices or Aquarius represent the manner of the expression of those images. The astrological houses determine what things a person cares about.

Here, then, is a simple way to determine some of the characteristics of yourself:

Fire signs (Enthusiasm) -- Aries, Leo, Saggitarius

Earth signs (Practicality) -- Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn

Air signs (Intellectuality) -- Gemini, Libra, Aquarius

Water signs (Emotionality) -- Cancer, Scorpio, Pices

If you fall into the first of any catagory (Aries, Taurus, etc.), your sign is undifferentiated. Your urges are untempered, instinctual.

The second, or fixed group (Leo, Virgo, etc.) people are likely to be more individual, more reflective about their urges. You are more self-aware, steadier.

The third or mutable group of signs (Saggitarius, Capricorn, etc.) include people who are more receptive to change, more willing to consider others over themselves.

For those of you who are still lost, here is an example: Suppose you are a Leo. You fall under the Fire sign of Enthusiasm, but you are in the Fixed group. Therefore, your natural enthusiam is tempered with reflection. You tend to consider things.







NATIONALIST FINALIST, Keith Gilliam does the breast stroke in the 200-yard Individual Medley.

## Swimmer Places In National Meets

The goal of every athlete is to be the best in his field. Hard work and plenty of practice goes into making an athlete one of the best. This is no exception for swimmers. Keith Gilliam, a senior at Rock Island High School, can easily be placed in this category for his efforts in the past three years.

In these years, Keith has been All-American and has won numerous awards for his swimming abilities. For three years in a row he has gone to state swimming competition and has placed high in all of his events.

While everyone was out for spring vacation, Keith was working-out everyday with Moline as assistant swim coach, Art Mercer, who was also the person who taught Keith to swim. He was preparing for the National swim competition held April 9 and 10, at Spokane, Washington. At the Nationals, he beat out an opponent from Hinsdale in the butterfly to secure a place on the Medley Relay team, which placed in the top five in the country. Keith also swam the 200 yard freestyle and 200 yard individual. Keith also placed on the Hinsdale 800 yard freestyle relay team.

Keith is known for setting new records and then breaking them again. He has now set five school records and three pool records. No other swimmer, in Rock Island history, has ever matched the output Keith has given the team.

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## Track Team Experiences Wins; Taylor Breaks Old 440 Record

The Rock Island Track team opened the outdoor season of 1971 by winning a dual meet over Davenport Central with a score of 133 to 85. The sophomore track squad also brought home a victory with a 136½ to 63½ point win.

The Rocks have finished a successful indoor season in the Macomb Invitational and the Quad City Indoor meets held at the Western Illinois University field house in Macomb.

At the Moline Invitational, the Rocks placed fourth out of six teams with a total of 46 points. This meet included three Quad Cities teams, Rock Island, Moline, and East Moline, along with three Chicago area teams, Bloom, New Trier East, and Maine East.

Robert Taylor was named the Most Outstanding Runner of the meet when he set a new 440 mark. Taylor ran the 440 in 49.4 seconds, breaking the old record of 50.3 set in 1968. Taylor also placed second in the 100 yard dash and ran the anchor leg of the mile relay. Other members of the relay were John Osborn, Del Thorton, and Rick Shuda.

In the Rock's dual meet against Moline, April 13, the Rocks outpointed the Maroons in the run-

ning events. Again Robert Taylor led the way for the Islanders with victories in the hundred yard dash and the 440 yard dash. The Maroons made a comeback in the field events and beat their rivals, the Rocks, 44½ to 35½.

Alleman will battle the Rocks tonight in the Rock Island Stadium, while on Saturday the Rocks travel to Clinton.

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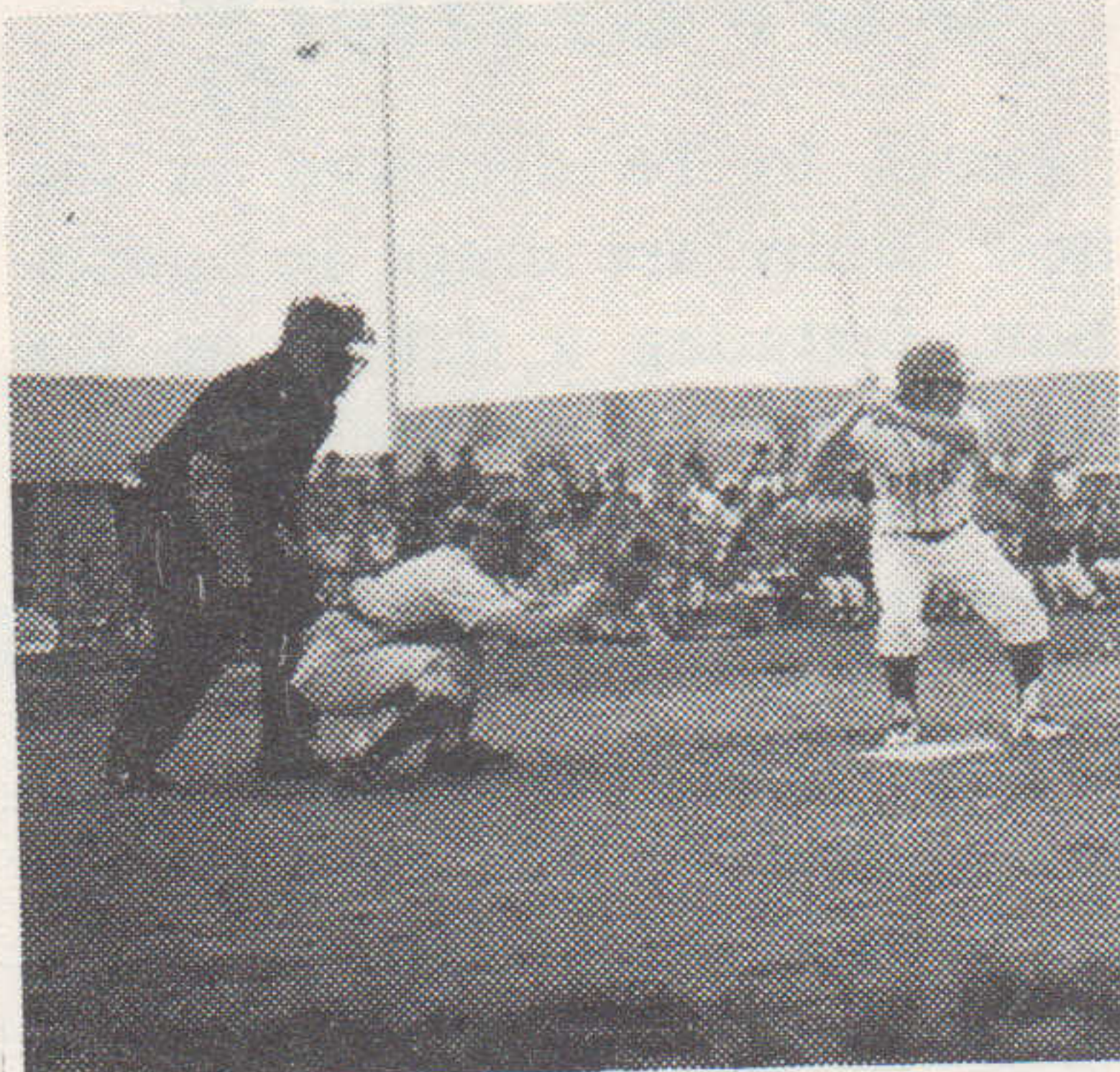


## Diamond Nine Near Tournament

East Moline will be the Rock Island Rocks first opponent when the Rocks come up to bat in the District tournaments. The District will be held May 10-12 at East Moline. If the Rock Island team scores a victory over the Panthers, they will advance to regional tournament play. This tournament, hosted by Alleman, will be May 17-19 at Douglas Park.

The Rock Island team opened their 1971 season with a game against Davenport Central, the Iowa state champions. Starting pitcher for the Rocks, Barry Barnes, gave up five runs in the first inning of play and three runs in the last inning. The Islander club managed to come up with two runs in an attempt to discourage the Blue Devils, but the Davenport Devils overpowered the Rocks 8-2.

In their next outing, the Rocks played a double-hitter with Davenport West. Errors on the part of the Islanders cost them the first game, 4 to 1. In the second game, the Rocks made a come back to split the double-hitter with the Falcons. Jack Pagget, defying the odds of three balls and two



DEL NEWTON IS up to bat against Moline in the April 20 th. game.

strikes against him, hit a line drive single to knock in the deciding runs. Pitcher Barry Barnes wouldn't give the Falcons a run, making the final score 4 to 0.

In further diamond action, the Rocks have fallen to defeat to Moline. The Moline club scored a 2-1 victory over the Rocks. As a relief pitcher, Dave Breiby came in and pitched six innings of two-hit baseball.

In a rematch with Moline, April 20, the Rocks held off a late surge to tie the Maroons 3-3. The game was called on account of darkness, resulting in a win and a loss for each.

## Two Wrestle In Tokyo

Tokyo, Japan, even Bakersfield, California, may seem far away to some Rock Island high school students. To Rock Island seniors, Rob Hoffman and Rick Benz, these cities won't seem as far when they wrestle in Tokyo, May 1-6. Benz and Hoffman are part of the United States Junior World Games team.

To qualify for the United States team, these RI grapplers had to wrestle through regional and sectional victories. They then had to compete against other 18-and-under United States wrestlers in Bakersfield, California. Bakersfield was also the site of the team's training camp.

Rick Benz, who was named Most Valuable Player and Captain of the 1970-71 Rock Island wrestling squad, turned in a 28-2 record for the season. Rob Hoffman ended the year with a 21-2-2 record.

## Rocks Host Tennis Invitational

Six teams, La Grange, Ottawa, Richwoods, Galesburg, Rock Island, and Cedar Falls, Iowa, competed in one of the biggest tennis tournaments in the state of Illinois, the Rock Island Invitational Tournament. Rock Island Stadium courts once again hosted fierce competition between these teams on April 17.

Four nationally ranked players, Grey King, a junior at Peoria Richwoods and two-time State high school champ, Dave Parker of Galesburg, who finished third in the state of Iowa last year, Steve Briggs and Dick Hainline, both of Rock Island, who were

state semi-finalists, were featured in court action.

Grey King captured the first place slot in singles, while Rock Island took over the Nos. 2, 3, and 4 singles with victories by Dick Hainline, Steve Brown, and Scott Reid. In the afternoon, Hainline and Briggs teamed up to take over the No. 1 doubles and lead the Rocks to a victory at their own Invitational Tournament.

The Rocks will again be in tournament play, May 15, against four Quad-City schools and Galesburg. East Moline will host the District Tournament.

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## Class Experiments In Self-Governing

The third period government class of Mr. Philip Dennis has taken over America. The "Aciremans" (America spelled backwards) have installed their own seal, and a flag with the countries national colors of blue and gold. A member of Congress, Lydia Nunez, has written their national poem.

Acirema has made a breakthrough in presidential elections. Two out of the three citizens who have held this position have been

women. Jack Lund, Theresa Lehnerer, and Debbie Foley, respectively, have ruled Acirema.

In addition to defeating bills on legalizing prostitution and abortion, the Congress has passed a solution to the Viet Nam War, worked out by Congressman Dan Russell. "That we should ask for Geneva Conference of all powers involved in Viet Nam, for gradual withdrawal of combat troops leaving in all air power, until assured of release of prisoners."

Issues to be discussed in the near future are drugs and pollution, featuring a debate on the legalization of marijuana. The class scheduled a guest speaker to discuss the drug problem.

Mr. Dennis states: "It is a radical new role for me as a teacher to sit back and let the students run the class. I advise and aid with resources. It is a great experience for the students to direct and discipline themselves. This is an experiment in learning to govern by doing."

## Jr. Rotarians Chosen For April

David Hansen and Louis Valsoano will be representing Rock Island High School as Junior Rotarians for the month of April.

David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hansen of 3420 24th Avenue, Rock Island. Dave is an active member of Key Club and the Rock Island High School football team. He was chosen for the National Honor Society. Dave has also been active in Rocky's track and baseball teams.

Louis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Valsoano of 1000 20th Avenue, Rock Island. Louis is active in Key Club, Teen Democrats, German Club, and Fraction Faction Club. Louis also participates on the Rock Island High School baseball team.

## Stage Band Plays

The Rock Island High School Stage Band performed on April 23 at the John Deere Auditorium in Moline before several hundred Rotarians.

The twenty member band played several numbers, including a tribute to Glenn Miller, under the direction of Mr. Donald Kruzan.

This is the first performance by the Stage Band this year.



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## Taurus, The Bull Rules April, May

Taurus (April 21-May 20) is the second sign of the Zodiac. Its symbol represents the head and horns of a bull. The sacred Apis was presumed to be the incarnation of the god Osiris—hence a symbol of a sepulcher or tomb. The Sun's entry into Taurus was celebrated as a Feast of Maya (Mais)—our May Day—the Sun represented by a white bull with a golden disc between his horns, followed by a procession of virgins, exemplifying the fecundity of Nature in Spring.

Taurus represents the manifestations of the Self, hence his basic possessions, and inherited tendencies.

Taurus is under the rulership of Venus, the planet of love and beauty. It, then, also represents the procreative forces in all parts of Nature. This sign rules the ears, neck, and throat. It is the sign of the silent, patient, and listening principles of humanity. It rules the lymphatic system of the organism. The gem of Taurus is the sapphire. the lucky day is Friday, numbers are one and nine, the color is blue, and the best locations are in quiet places.

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